

Having considered the request by counsel for defendant for a status conference regarding a discovery dispute and the respective positions of the parties, the court DIRECTS that the parties:

1. meet and confer, *in-person, by telephone, or by video-conference*, in an effort to resolve the discovery disputes without court intervention, irrespective of any prior conferral regarding such matters; and
2. **no later than 2:00 pm on Friday, January 3, 2025**, file a *joint* status report:
 - (a) informing the court whether there remain discovery issues after the parties meet and confer; and
 - (b) to the extent that the discovery dispute remains after meeting and conferring:
 - (i) identifying the particular discovery at issue;
 - (ii) advising of the parties' respective positions regarding the discovery dispute;
 - (iii) advising of the actions taken *jointly* and *individually* by the parties to resolve the outstanding discovery dispute; and
 - (iv) providing the parties' mutually agreed suggested dates and times for a telephonic discovery conference to take place during the week of January 6, 2025.

Upon its review of the *joint* status report ordered above, the court will schedule a telephonic discovery conference to take place during the week of January 6, 2025, should such discovery conference remain necessary.

SO ORDERED, this 31st day of December, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BSM', is written over a horizontal line.

Brian S. Meyers
United States Magistrate Judge